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SUBJECT: ROK MISSION ON- AGAIN?

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(B) SEOUL 2125

1. PRESS REPORT STATES NINE MEMBER SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION EXPECTED HERE END- MAY FOR THREE DAY STAY, IN CONJUNCTION GOODWILL MISSIONS TO NUMBER AFRICAN COUNTRIES. DELEGATION WILL, SUPPOSEDLY, BE LOOKING OVER MAURITIAN COMMERCIAL SECTOR WITH VIEW ESTABLISHING FIRMER BUSINESS TIES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

2 . COMMENT: ROK DELEGATION HAD EARLIER BEEN EXPECTED END- APRIL. IN RESPONSE OUR QUERIES, HAVE RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION EITHER AS TO GROUP' S COMING, OR CONCERNING PURPOSE. FONMIN OFFICIAL STATES HE NOT AWARE DELEGATION' S ARRIVAL, BUT HAD ONLY RECENTLY BEEN RELEASED FROM SECONDMENT TO DUTIES CONCERNING OCAM CONFERENCE, SO NOT UP- TO- DATE. MIN OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY SOURCE SAYS HIS MINISTRY HAS NOTHING PENDING WITH ROK, AND IS AWARE ONLY OF POSSIBLE KOREAN OFFER FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON FISHING. FINALLY, IF DELEGATION' S OBJECT IS TO SOLICIT HIGH- LEVEL
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MAURITIAN SUPPORT FOR OK IN UN ISSUES, IT APPEARS AGAIN
TIME HAS BEEN ILL- CHOSEN (REF B, PARA 3). BOTH PRIMIN
RAMGOOLAM AND FONMIN DUVAL SCHEDULED BE OUT OF COUNTRY
LATTER PART OF MAY: FORMER AT OAU SUMMIT/ UK, AND DUVAL ON
OFFICIAL VISIT TO PRC.
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